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Mr. Wilford Ruf Crater Exploration, Inc. 945 East 7145 South, Suite 202 Midvale, Utah 84047

> RE: Exploration and Development of the Taylor Livestock Property, Dewey Bridge EXP/019/036 Grand County, Utah

Dear Mr. Ruf:

The Division has reviewed your letter of December 20, 1983 concerning the proposed development of the Taylor Livestock property near the Dewey Bridge. As you are aware, this area has been the subject of concern in the past by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining and under their directive a surety for reclamation of the site has been filed by Mr. Taylor. Your proposal may be interpreted as constituting both exploration and mining activities. Because of your indication that the activities will be limited to less than two acres of disturbance, it is not included within the definition of a mining operation and as such a mining and reclamation plan will not be required at this time. Ultimate responsibility for reclamation of the site still remains with Mr. Taylor.

Attendant to this action, the Division requires further definition of the exploration aspect of the operation and requests a delineation of the proposed site of operations within the 'predisturbed' area. It will be to your benefit to refer to Rule M-3(5) of the Mined Land Reclamation Act of Utah. Because it is not possible to gain a full understanding of your intentions by the narrative you have provided, a map is needed before approval of the operation is given. The following suggestions are offered:

- The prepared map should be designed at a scale of 1:200.
- The areas which have been previously disturbed should outlined and include the area of new operations within them.

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- 3. The new area of proposed operations should include a settling pond, waste rock site, access road, cuts and plant site.
- 4. The land affected should be recontoured and made compatible with local conditions, i.e., grazing, when you are through with the operation (should development not be pursued).
- 5. Final notification of completion of operations should be filed with the Division when activities cease. Reporting on form MR-9 is waived in lieu of submission of an adequate narrative.

A final reminder is offered that these requirements apply only if the operations remain under two acres. Should the sum total of affected area (including access road, pond, plant site cuts and waste rock sites) exceed the two acre/500 ton exemption within a year, you are required to submit a mining and reclamation plan for approval prior to proceeding further with development.

The Division will suspend review and await submittal of the additional information requested. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Thomas N. Tetting Engineering Geologist

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cc: Don L. Taylor, Moab Steve McNeal, Department of Health